

Assessor

Prepared by Gregory Klingler

August 2025

Report Details:

- Preparation for 2026 rolls has begun. During the next few months, Sales and Sales-to-Assessment ratios will be reviewed and analyzed (annual sales cycles are from July 1st to June 30th of the previous year). This process is, in part, used to determine the equalization rate along with ORPTS for next year. We are also in the process of reviewing new construction permits and completion certificates which will continue through March 2026.
- As of this date, August 6, 2025, I am happy to report that there were no Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) cases filed this year. However, although we had only two (2) grievance cases and the Board reduced both of them, there is the possibility that there may be a last minute filing as property owners have until August 14th to deliver any petitions to the Assessor's office.

BEAUTIFICATION

Prepared by Teresa A. Whalen

August 13, 2025

June/July/August Report

Town Board Members,

This has been an incredibly busy Spring and Summer for our totally volunteer organization, so we are going to take a break from our usual report format and give you the highlights of the last few months and a preview of our upcoming events.

Starting where we left off, our **Arbor Day Presentation & Tree Planting** on May 12th was a successful experience for the In the Zone Students who participated with each leaving with a Big Boy tomato plant, but not for the tree itself. Unfortunately the tree was diseased, and so it was removed and will be replaced in the Fall with a healthy specimen.

The **27th Annual Green Thumb Perennial Swap & Pollinator Plant Sale** on May 24th was a huge success, with a beautiful morning welcoming gardeners who swapped plants, picked up free veggie, herb and flower seeds donated by Bentley Seed Company and purchased native pollinator plants to add to their gardens to support our regional pollinator population.

The **Morning in the Garden** event was plagued with rain on both the original and rescheduled date, June 7th. Tom O'Dea was on hand to demonstrate tool sharpening and Linden Pearsall provided information on composting and the benefits of cover crops in the pavilion at the Paper Mill Park. Only a few hardy souls attended, but nonetheless, we were there for the gardeners who braved the mild but wet weather.

Our festivals have been very successful, thanks in a large part to our new location (even though some still insist to go to the park first, no matter how much promotion of the Recreation Field Pavilion we offer). Starting with our **Fifteenth Annual Rhubarb Festival** on May 30th, we had crowds welcoming the first day of the market and the beginning of the growing season! We had plenty of rhubarb on hand to sell until the end when we were **SOLD OUT!**

The **Third Annual Strawberry Festival** on June 13th was also very successful with plenty of ripe, juicy berries on hand and lots of berry recipes to share at our Sampling Table. Juniper Hill Farm not only joined the festival but our weekly market with their organic produce.

The **Sixth Annual Blueberry Festival** on July 18th was off the charts! Once again we had blueberries for everyone until the very end when we were **SOLD OUT!** WTEN-TV had a few of our Board Members and Springbrook Hollow Farm Distillery (a weekly vendor) on their Morning Show two days prior, and I was also interviewed on NCPR. Both opportunities allowed me to not only promote our festival, but our local businesses and the Town of Warrensburg! We are grateful for the promotion which went exponential on Facebook, and most appreciative to our Town for the Occupancy Tax Funding used to promote all of our events.

Our **Summer Garden Tour & Presentation** fundraiser on July 12 was also a success, with picture perfect weather and a locally known ecological landscaper, educator and landscape photographer, Drew Monthie, discussing "Changing Climate: Plants, Pollinators and People" at Warren County CCE after the presentation. Also a "Flora, Fauna and Landscape Photography Exhibit" by the speaker, with an Artist's Reception at Richards Library on June 10th, helped to further promote the event.

Besides seemingly endless events, our projects have been progressing.

The **Floral Canoe** was replaced and the plants are flourishing thanks to a collaborative effort by Rebecca's Florist and Julie Garcia.

The **Community Garden** has been growing including the weeds, so a **Weed - A- Palozza** was scheduled on July 22nd and members of our Board cleared beds that had been neglected, pathways and weeded our rhubarb beds. More weeding was done by plot owners and Tom O'Dea then planted cover crops in the newly cleared beds for soil enrichment. Since the Spring brought any unusual amount of rain, the invasive weeds flourished. We are gaining on it and will continue to reclaim more areas for productive use. A huge "Thank You" to Tom Sargent and Tom and Suzanne O'Dea for their expertise and dedication, and Tracy Benoit and our Town Parks and Recreation Dept. for keeping the water tank full and the grounds mowed. Also, the Girl Scouts for planting, weeding and mulching the beds outside the garden – looking great but now the deer have found them! Next year we will probably just focus on native plants for the pollinators in these beds as well, which should be more deer tolerant.

Other projects including our **Warrensburgh Historic Resources Promotional Video**, in partnership with the Warrensburgh Thurman Historical Society and Ed Larkin with Lake George TV, and our **"No Mow" Areas to Support Pollinators at the Exit 23 NB and SB Ramps**, in partnership with NYSDOT Region One and the Warren County Residency, are progressing with updates in the near future.

Next up, our **First Annual Tomato Festival** on August 22nd at the Recreation Field Pavilion. We are looking for restaurant participation as well, as we continue to showcase our local businesses, promote horticulture and encourage healthy eating! Moving forward, please **SAVE THE DATE** for our **Twelfth Annual Apple Festival** on September 12th and our **Sixteenth Annual Garlic Festival** on October 10th.

Hope everyone is enjoying the season and keeping hydrated. Thank you for your service to our community.

August 2025 Parks & Rec Report

We have been mowing very regularly. The setup and take down of the Smokeaters Jamboree went smoothly, we also seeded the lower field after the jamboree.

The guys did trail maintenance on Hackensack mountain and installed new trail markers.

Respectively,

Tracy Benoit

August 2025 Water Report

Water was shut off at two customers so they could make repairs.

We started cleaning and painting fire hydrants.

Working on a lot of Dig Safe tickets that came in and marking out for the Jenni Jill Loop project.

Set up an account with the EPA to track our testing of PFOAs.

Respectively,

Tracy Benoit

August 2025 Sewer Report

Cleaned the high water alarm float at Pump Station A, it had a coat of grease on it that was causing it to go off when it wasn't needed.

Fixed an air chain in cell one.

Did maintenance on the UV.

Added risers to manholes on Elm st due to the county paving the road.

Had a power outage throughout town which caused all pump stations to call out, once we arrived at the pump stations they were all found to be working properly. Upon inspection of the plant we found the equipment was in fault. Everything was reset and functioning properly again.

Changed out locks on Pump station B and C
Respectively,

Jeremy Scroggins

Planning & Zoning Report

Prepared by Patti Corlew

August 8, 2025

Report Details:

There were 1 septic and 9 Land Use and Development permits issued in the month of July.

There is no Zoning Board meeting this month due to lack of applications.

The Planning Board met on the 5th of August and reviewed an amended site plan for Bandstand Brew Works. The Board approved the amended plan wherein the curb cut originally proposed is not going to be pursued, the house will be demolished, the driveway is to be widened and paved, the parking lot will be paved with proper drainage, a stop sign will be installed at the exit point of the parking area and split rail fencing will be installed.

Report Details:

July 2025

JUDGE M. FISK

Number	Type	Fine	Fee	Surcharge
88	Vehicle & Traffic	\$7538.50	\$0.00	\$2990.00
3	Penal	250.00	0.00	125.00
8	Town Ordinance	450.00	0.00	0.00
4	Suspension fees	0.00	280.00	0.00
1	Civil Fee		2.00	
104	Total	\$8238.50	\$282.00	\$3115.00
JUDGE K. FERULLO				
Number	Type	Fine	Fee	Surcharge
35	Vehicle & Traffic	\$4,859.00	\$0.00	\$1606.00
1	Penal	0.00	0.00	205.00
1	Town Ordinance	150.00	0.00	0.00
1	DNA	0.00	50.00	0.00
38	Total	\$3165.00	\$50.00	\$1811.00

Total New Cases July: 71
 Total Received July: \$16661.50
 Town Share June: \$4132.50

July Meeting

(Highway Department)

Prepared by (Pete Bederian)

AUGUST 1, 2025

Report details: The month of July we have spent a lot of time in getting the Crossroad ready to be repaved with trimming all branches and trees along the road and grading the shoulders of the road down to grade and re-ditching and replacing old and damaged culverts for proper water flow and is scheduled to start the process of being repaved August 20th. We have also completed the paving spots of the gold st storm water project, the last storm caused a lot of down trees and road damage on the north end of town which has all been cleaned up and repaired along with our regular mantience of roads and sidewalks

Respectfully Submitted

Pete Bederian

Highway Superintendent